

### IN THE CLAIMS

CLAIM 1 (Currently Amended) A method for starting an application program loaded from a server on a client machine, comprising the steps of:

- (a) loading an execution environment identifying applet from the server in response to an application program starting request made on the client machine;
- (b) loading, from the server, a code that the application program to be started on the client machine requires and a starting command for starting the application program, on the basis of a result obtained by [[of]] executing the execution environment identifying applet; and
- (c) executing the starting command on the client machine and starting the application program.

CLAIM 2 (Currently Amended) A method for starting an application program loaded from a server on a client machine, comprising the steps of:

- (a) loading, from the server, a code that the application program to be started on the client machine requires and a starting command for starting the application program, in response to an application program starting request made on the client machine; [[and]]
- (b) executing the starting command on the client machine and starting the application program; and
- (c) judging whether the code which the application program requires is present or not on the client machine.

CLAIM 3 (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 2,

~~further comprising the step of judging whether the code which the application program requires is present or not on the client machine;~~

wherein, with respect to the code which the application program requires and the starting command for starting the application program, the code which the application program requires is loaded from the server when the code which the application program requires is not present on the client machine.

CLAIM 4 (Original) A software product for starting an application program loaded from a server on a client machine, comprising:

(a) an execution environment identifying software for identifying an execution environment from the server in response to an application program starting request made on the client machine;

(b) a required code acquiring software for acquiring a code which the application program to be started on the client machine requires; and

(c) an application program starting software for executing a starting command for starting the application program on the client machine and thereby starting the application program.

CLAIM 5 (Currently Amended) A software product for starting an application program loaded from a server on a client machine, comprising:

(a) a required code acquiring software for loading from the server a code which the application program to be started on the client machine requires and a starting command for starting the application program, in response to an application program starting request made on the client machine; and

(b) an application program starting software for executing the starting command on the client machine and starting the application program.

wherein the required code acquiring software has a function of judging whether the code which the application program requires is present or not on the client machine.

CLAIM 6 (Canceled) The software product according to Claim 5, wherein the required code acquiring software has a function of judging whether the code which the application program requires is present or not on the client machine.